



May 12, 2016

Tanya Meekins
Office of Transportation and Air Quality
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: *FOIA Request for U.S. EPA Emission Defect Information Reports (EDIR)*

Dear Ms. Meekins:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 ("FOIA"), I am requesting copies of all Emission Defect Information Reports (EDIRs) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) covering model years 2000 to 2004, and 2012 to 2016.

I understand that EDIRs describe emission-related defects and plans for remediation as required under 40 CFR §85.1903 and §85.1904. I further understand that the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ), headquartered in Washington, D.C., and Ann Arbor, Michigan, is currently the primary point-of-contact for the acceptance of EDIRs from automobile manufacturers. Prior to 2009, automobile manufacturers submitted EDIRs in hard-copy or via e-mail. Beginning in 2009, OTAQ instituted an EDIR/VERR (or Verify) System which allows the submission of EDIRs electronically. I have already collected the EDIRs publicly available in Docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0113, covering model years 2005-2011. Therefore, this FOIA request covers all EDIRs submitted by automobile manufacturers to the EPA for model years 2000 to 2004, and 2012 to 2016.

I recognize that the volume of records responsive to this request may be large. I would therefore be interested in receiving documents on a rolling basis, as they become available, rather than waiting for all responsive records to clear the review process. I would also prefer to accept the requested records via the most expeditious means—be that paper or electronic copy.

History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please contact me with an estimate of the total costs and the volume of responsive material in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

If all or any part of this request is denied, I request a written statement regarding the reason(s) for the denial. If you determine that some portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, I would appreciate receiving all non-exempt portions that can be disclosed.

I look forward to receiving the requested materials. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 297-9697 or via e-mail at ntaylor@historyassociates.com.

Sincerely,

Nik Taylor
Historian